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1. ON JULY 13, ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERED
PRESIDENT YOSHIDA'S PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE THE OPERA-
TIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BANK. COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS
FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- A. THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE
POSITION OF HEAD OF THE POST EVALUATION UNIT BE UPGRADED
FROM RANGE V TO RANGE VI.

- B. A NUMBER OF EDS THOUGHT THAT CHANGING THE NAME
OF THE PRESENT OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE AREA DEPART-
MENT WAS NO IMPROVEMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE PRESIDENT
DECIDED TO CHANGE THE NAME TO COUNTRY DEPARTMENT.

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- C. MOST EDS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE PROPOSAL TO
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- D. SEVERAL EDS (INCLUDING THE USED) ASKED FOR A

REASONABLY PROMPT ANALYSIS OF HOW MANAGEMENT SEES THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC OFFICE AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT POLICY OFFICE SO AS TO AVOID OVERLAPPING AND DUPLICATION. SEVERAL EDS NOTED MANAGEMENT'S INTENTION TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF UPGRADING OF THE LATTER OFFICE IN THE FUTURE.

- E. ONE DIRECTOR COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS DUPLICATION OF IBRD WORK INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION BY THE ECONOMIC OFFICE OF COUNTRY ECONOMIC REPORTS. THE USED SUPPORTED THIS VIEW AND QUESTIONED WHETHER THE BANK COULD FOCUS ITS ATTENTION ON SECTORAL STUDIES AND ECONOMIC ANALYSES, ALLOWING THE IBRD STAFF TO PREPARE GENERAL COUNTRY ECONOMIC REPORTS.

- F. ONE DEVELOPED COUNTRY ED QUESTIONED THE DESIRABILITY OF SETTING UP THE PROPOSED RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE DIVISION. HE FELT THAT THE TERM "INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT" WAS MORE OF A FAD AND THAT AGRICULTURAL CREDIT MIGHT BETTER BE INCLUDED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT BANK FUNCTIONS. HOWEVER, HIS VIEW WAS STRONGLY OBJECTED TO BY A NUMBER OF DMC EDS, SUPPORTED BY THE USED.

- G. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE COMMENDED THE MOVE TO HAVE THE POST EVALUATION UNIT REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT. THE USED NOTED THAT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS A CONSIDERABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT AS A FIRST STEP AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AT SOME FUTURE TIME CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO HAVING THE UNIT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH PRESIDENT AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, WHICH IS THE PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED BY THE IBRD.

- H. SOME DIRECTORS FELT THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY OFFICE WERE TOO EXPANSIVE AND NEEDED TO BE TIGHTENED.

2. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND SAID THAT MOST SUGGESTIONS COULD BE MET IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REORGANIZATION. HE NOTED THE STRONG VIEW OF THE BOARD THAT THE POSITION OF HEAD OF THE POST EVALUATION UNIT SHOULD BE UPGRADED AND SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN BY MANAGEMENT TO THE NAME FOR THE AREA DEPARTMENT. HE CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE VIEWS OF THE BOARD.
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